

REMARKS

Claims 1– 27 are pending in the application.

Applicant is appreciative that all claims 1 – 27 have been allowed.

The application has been indicated as in condition for allowance except for the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS for Figs. 1, 5A, and 5B. Corrections have been made to these descriptions and they should now be acceptable.

In the DETAILED DESCRIPTION section, at page 23, lines 9-12, Applicant has updated the reference to a pending application that has now issued as U. S. Patent 6,456,752.

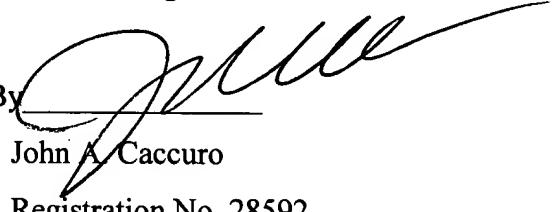
No new matter has been added by these changes.

If there is any remaining issue, applicant's attorney would welcome a call from the Examiner to resolve such issue.

Respectfully,

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